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Inmates Help Fire Suppression Efforts

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(Pierre) - Twenty-eight state prison inmates are helping clean up after a grass fire near Yankton today.

The fire is burning approximately 6 1/2 miles west and 1 mile south of Yankton near Highway 50 and 434th Street.

Twenty of the inmates are from the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield and eight are from the Yankton Trusty Unit. Each of the inmates on the clean-up crew is trained as certified fire fighters, but at this point they are being used only for clean-up purposes.

The inmates on the crew are all classified as low-medium security status. Staff from both Durfee State Prison and Yankton Trusty Unit is supervising the inmate efforts.